

multiple claim dependencies from the claims as now standing after amendment at the international phase and before the US national stage filing fees are calculated:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or claim 2,".

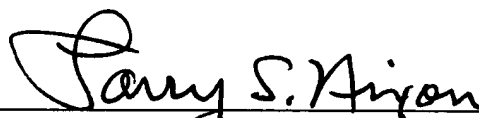
Claim 6, line 1, delete "or claim 5,".

Claim 8, line 1, change "any preceding claim" to --claim 1--.

Respectfully submitted,

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